GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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MANURE FROM VEGETABLE WASTE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan for turning the waste of fruits and vegetable into manure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost involved in this project; and

(d) the time by which the manufacturing of the said fertilizer is likely to begin?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Government of India has financially assisted the States during 8th and 9th Planperiod to set up compost units and mechanized compost plants for processing of city biodegradable waste into manure under the centrally sponsored scheme `Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizers`.City biodegradable waste also includes wastes of fruits and vegetables. In 8th Plan period 21 compost units and during 1997-98 four such units were established in various States / UT. During 1999-2000 and 2000-01 financial assistance has been provided to various states for setting up of nine mechanized compost plants. These compost plants would process city bio degradable waste including the waste generated by fruits and vegetables. The cost of the project varies depending upon the size of processing garbage, location and the type of technology involved. However, Government of India scheme restricted the grants to Rs. 50 lakhs for 1/3rd of the cost for a project of 100 tonne garbage processing capacity per day mechanically.